

ATTACHMENT TO NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

Request for Continued Examination

1) A request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.114. Applicants' submission filed on 07/15/09 has been entered.

Applicants' Amendment

2) Acknowledgment is made of Applicants' amendment filed 07/15/09 in response to the final Office Action mailed 04/23/09.

Examiner's Amendment

3) An Examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to Applicants, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee. The authorization to prepare this Examiner's amendment was provided by Mr. Otis Littlefield in a telephonic interview on 27 July 2009.

This application has been amended as indicated below:

Claims 24 and 34-38 have been canceled.

Status of Claims

4) Claim 1 has been amended via the amendment filed 07/15/09.
New claims 37 and 38 have been added via the amendment filed 07/15/09.
Claims 24 and 34-38 have been canceled via this Examiner's amendment.
Claims 1, 10, 26-28 and 30-32 are pending and are under examination.

Objection(s) Withdrawn

5) The objection to the specification made in paragraph 4 of the Office Action mailed 05/20/08 and maintained in paragraph 4 of the Office Action mailed 04/23/09 is withdrawn.

Rejection(s) Withdrawn

6) The rejection of claims 1, 10, 26-28 and 30-32 made in paragraph 7 of the Office Action mailed 04/23/09 under 35 U.S.C § 112, first paragraph, as containing inadequate written description, is withdrawn in light of Applicants' amendment to the base claim.

Remarks

7) Claims 1, 10, 26-28 and 30-32 are allowed. Claims 10, 26-28 and 30-32, are now renumbered as claims 2, 3-5 and 6-8 respectively.

8) Papers related to this application may be submitted to Group 1600, AU 1645 by facsimile transmission. The Fax number for submission of amendments, responses and/or papers is (571) 273-8300, which receives transmissions 24 hr a day & 7 days a week.

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10) Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to S. Devi, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (571) 272-0854. A message may be left on the Examiner's voice mail system. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 7.15 a.m. to 4.15 p.m. except one day each bi-week, which would be disclosed on the Examiner's voice mail system.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Robert Mondesi, can be reached on (571) 272-0956.

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